

APRIL 3, 2022

Mass Times

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Spanish
 9:30 a.m. English
 11:30 a.m. Spanish

Sunday Masses are Live Streamed on Facebook, YouTube, or our website: www.stleosonoma.org

Weekday Mass:

8:30 a.m. M, W – F (no Mass on Tuesday)
 7:00 p.m. – Wed. – Spanish Mass

☪ Sacraments ☪

Baptisms: Call the office, (707) 996-8422
Weddings: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS April 2nd – April 10th

Sat 2	5:00 pm	Judy Paolini †
Sun 3	9:30 am	Ashley Tapparo, Battling Cancer & Special Intentions for Bill & Marge Thomas
Mon 4	8:30 am	Donna June Lewis †
Tues 5	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed 6	8:30 am	Consigli Family
Thurs 7	8:30 am	Rosalie Levesque †
Friday 8	8:30 am	Departed members of Daily Morning Mass Group
Sat 9	5:00 pm	Bill & Maryjane Barber †
Sun 10	9:30 am	Felix C. Mapa †

FISCAL LOG March 26 / 27

Sunday Collection: \$

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN:
73 Parishioners have pledged: \$65,665. 45%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 2/3 2nd Collection – St Leo's Dev. Fund
 April 9/10 2nd Collection for Ukraine
 April 10 Palm Sunday
 April 15 Good Friday – Office Closed
 April 17 EASTER SUNDAY
 April 19 Men's Club Meeting, 6PM – LSW
 May 15 Bocce Courts Grand Opening

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for April

Deceased Members of the

Manning & Fitzgerald Families

THE 2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for St. Leo's Development Fund.

GATHERING TO HONOR JERRY SHAFER: On Saturday, April 9th, 11a.m. to 4p.m. at 490 Mountain Ave. all are welcome to attend a gathering to honor Jerry (posthumously). Contact Jerry (son) at (707) 888-2701 with questions.



LILLIES IN MEMORIAM: As Easter draws near, is an appropriate time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. If you would like a lily in memory of a special person, please send your check of \$10 payable to St. Leo's Ladies Guild along with the loved one's name and send to: Michelle Levesque, St. Leo's Parish, P.O. Box 666, Boyes Hot Springs, CA 95416.

INVITATION TO MASS of the CHRISM

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, invite you to participate in the **Mass of the Chrism** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on **Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER FOR LENT: Jars to fill with spare change are on a cart outside the church. The funds collected will go toward the completion of the children's residence at the orphanage in India.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

To aid the people of Ukraine, a second collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend, April 9th & 10th. This collection will directly help the war refugees with food, medical needs, and accommodations at a local convent in Mukachevo, Ukraine. Please consider donating to this collection. Our efforts will stand as a sign of our solidarity with the people of the Ukraine.

Sr. Ligy Payyappilly is the contact person who is also the superior and is trying to accommodate more refugees at their Convent.

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MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, April 19th in the Lillian Sanders Wing. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 7p.m. Questions? Contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Men's Club is on track to celebrate the grand opening of the Bocce Ball & Horseshoe courts on Sunday, May 15th. More info to follow.

- We are seeking one more donor to sponsor the last picnic table. The donation amount is \$1,600. You will receive a bronze plaque to dedicate to whomever you would like to remember inset into the tabletop.
- There is still room for plaques on the Bocce court benches. Forms are at the back of church. Questions, please call Rick Schuhriemen at (707) 217-9710.

Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now . . .

When we read the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke we travel through a world of towns, crowds, a grand lake, fishing boats, laborers, hills, sunny days, parables about sowing seed, about buried treasure, pearls, a kind of everydayness – a landscape that's familiar.

When we turn to the Gospel of John, things go kind of mystical, philosophical, Palestine disappears, the very human Jesus of the first three Gospels becomes "the Word" that spoke the world into being, now made flesh – and the movement of the characters takes on a formality befitting a few select episodes in which Jesus as a creative Word becomes a series of metaphors dispelling darkness – he becomes a wellspring, light, vitality itself. It's poetic through and through – hardly journalism.

Today's reading about the raising of Lazarus from his tomb highlights this style. Jesus while away somewhere hears about Lazarus's serious illness and delays two days before arriving at Bethany, the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus. Consequently Lazarus dies and is entombed before Jesus gets there. The sisters, convinced of the power of Jesus's Word to revitalize the world, wish he had come sooner: *Lord, if you had been here . . .* Still, they believe their brother will rise again at the end of time.

It's as though poor Lazarus had missed the bus, too late to be saved by a prompt Jesus, too early to have arrived at the end of time – so he was placed in a tomb as in a filing cabinet for future reference.

But what the sisters (and we) forget are all those moments in John's Gospel where, when for example, Jesus hears the words *They have no wine*, he says, *Fill the jars with water* (which becomes wine!). And when the Samaritan woman says, *I know that the Messiah is coming . . .* Jesus replies, *I am he, the one speaking with you*. And when the Pharisees were offended by his cure of a lame man on the Sabbath, Jesus replied, *The hour is coming and is now here when those who hear my word will live*. And when the Pharisees spoke proudly of their ancestor Abraham, Jesus replied, *Before Abraham came to be, I AM* (present tense!). And when the man born blind and now sighted wondered who the Son of Man was, Jesus said, *You have seen him; he is speaking to you as God's creative, healing, potent Word – right now*.

In a way aren't we like Lazarus, all wrapped up in a tomb as in a waiting room, TOO LATE to have walked the earth *when Jesus did* and been brought to fullness of life by his actual touch – and – TOO EARLY to experience a resurrection that awaits us at the end of time? And yet the **NOWNESS** of Christ in John's Gospel is still available to us – ever present and capable of moving us, transforming us as the Word made flesh, made sound, illuminating – so much more than dead letters upon a page – but power! Can't you hear him? Even now? Despite that stone that weighs upon your hearts? *Lazarus, Jane, Thomas, Ramon, Nancy, Isabella, Martha, Geoff . . . come forth!*
 Cycle A option.

Geoff Wood